

application. The Sequence Listing has been formatted to comply with current 37 C.F.R. § 1.821 et seq. No new matter enters by this amendment.

The specification has been amended to update cross-reference to related application information, and to specify that the present application is a continuation application of co-pending application number 09/262,979, which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to application number 60/076,712. The specification has also been amended to provide the references to the Sequence Listing as required by the current 37 C.F.R. No new matters enters by this amendment.

The presently pending claims are believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at (202) 942-5071 to address any unresolved issue remaining in this application.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Arnold and Porter's Deposit Account No. 50-1824, referencing matter number 16517.258.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned should any additional information be necessary for allowance.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/262,979 filed March 4, 1999, which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 60/076,712 filed March 6, 1998, both [the entirety] of which applications are [is] herein incorporated by reference in their entirety.

INCORPORATION OF SEQUENCE LISTING

Two electronic copies of the Sequence Listing (“Sequence Listing Copy 1” and “Sequence Listing Copy 2”) and a computer readable form of the sequence listing (“CRF”) on CD-ROM, each containing the file named “Sequence Listing for 16517.258.txt”, which is 3,935,275 bytes in size (measured in MS-DOS), and which was created on November 15, 2001, are herein incorporated by reference.